

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2021

After Pledge of Allegiance to the flag the regular monthly meeting of the Dennison Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Bruce Thomas. Roll call was taken as follows:

Bruce Thomas, present
Sheila Weaver, present
Michael Mack, present

Attorney Dean, excused
Jack Varaly, present
Kathleen Stortz, present

The minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack. Questions? None. All voted in favor.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver. Questions? None. All voted in favor.

The bills were approved to be paid on a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack. Questions? None. All voted in favor.

BUSINESS:

POLICE REPORT - February report 66.20 hours of service.

COUNTY MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MGT. PLAN – On a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 2021 -2

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DENNISON TOWNSHIP, A MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF LUZERNE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING THE 2021 LUZERNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania enacted statewide recycling in 1988 with the passage of the Municipal Waste Planning Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101) that requires larger municipalities to recycle; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the creation of a county Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan so as to comply with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's mandate that Municipal Solid Waste Management Plans be updated every ten years; and

WHEREAS, the existing Luzerne County Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan expired on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Council adopted the Luzerne County Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan at its meeting held on January 12, 2021 and said plan has now been transmitted to municipalities within the county for ratification; and

WHEREAS, the plan has been made available to the Municipality of Dennison Township on the Luzerne County Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan website (<https://luzernecountyswmp.com/>) for its review and consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Municipality of Dennison Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania hereby approves and ratifies the Luzerne County Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan effective January 2021 in the form adopted by the Luzerne County Council on January 12, 2021.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the governing body of the Municipality of Dennison Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania held on the 3rd day of March 2021.

DENNISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Bruce Thomas Chairman

Sheila Weaver, Vice Chairman

Michael Mack, Supervisor

ATTEST: Kathleen Stortz
Secretary

CODIFICATION – Sheila Weaver stated over the past few months she interviewed two companies to do Codification for the township. After initial expense there is an annual fee depending on how much support is needed. General Code is \$13,750.00 including one year of maintenance. Muni Code is \$10,450.00 including 3 months of maintenance. Sheila went over all the options offered by both companies. She recommended going with Muni Code who will put everything online and we can try it out and if we like the service we can add it at a maintenance cost of \$850.00 per year. Bruce stated he just wants the township to be sure that we do not need to bid the project because it is over \$10,000.00. A discussion ensued as to whether or not bidding was required. Sheila stated she spoke with PSATS and the Pennsylvania Code states that professional services are exempt from the bidding process. Jack Varaly agreed that professional services were not required to be bid. Motion was made to execute a contract with Muni Code to codify township ordinances and to host the site as long as possible with grant money by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack. Questions? None. All voted in favor. In the event grant money cannot be used to host the site Sheila Weaver stated she would like the township to keep the site active as long as possible at a cost of \$850.00 per year.

ZONING REPORT – Jack Varaly reported there is a zoning hearing scheduled for March 18th for Craig Jones for a variance to build a garage on a vacant lot adjacent to his property. Jack reviewed the information Attorney Giarratano sent to him regarding Jose Mendez. An application for a home at 16 Beech Crest Lane was returned to the applicant due to errors and missing information. Jack completed the Zoning Ordinance update with the inclusion of the amendments enacted last year and it will be posted on the township website. Jack gave the supervisors some information regarding kennels and riding academies for their review.

ROAD REPORT – Jim Yackiel reported he plowed, cleaned storm drains and did maintenance on the loader/backhoe. The northern gate on the Lake Francis Road is broken and cannot be locked. Jim Yackiel notified the State Park. Salt was delivered and dumpsters were emptied.

FIRE REPORT – There were 5 calls in February, 13 3/4 hours of service, 2 hours of training and 4 hours of maintenance. Three calls were in Dennison Township, one in Kidder Township and one in Bear Creek Township. Bruce Thomas informed Bill Bauersfeld the township was trying to find a tree service to take care of downed trees to save the fire company some work. Bill asked what the response time would be? Mike Mack responded that would have to be determined.

Mike Mack reported that Art Teel is going to resign from the Planning Commission due to health issues. Rose Shafer has returned to the area and perhaps she would be interested and Mike Mack's daughter may also be interested.

ADJOURNMENT - On a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. All voted in favor.